

Appln. No. 10/541,751
Amd. dated January 7, 2008
Reply to Office Action of October 10, 2007

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets include changes to Figures 1 and 2, which changes consist of the addition to each sheet of the legend: "PRIOR ART".

REMARKS

The Examiner's action dated October 10, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The indication that claim 21 would be allowable if placed in independent form is noted with appreciation.

In response to the objection to the drawings, replacement sheets containing Figures 1 and 2 are submitted herewith. These replacement sheets have been provided with the legend: "PRIOR ART".

In response to the objection to the abstract, submitted herewith is a replacement abstract in which the typographical error at line 3 has been corrected. However, the designation (36, 50) at line 10 has been retained because it is believed that that designation is correct and consistent with the specification and claims. Please note, in this connection, the designation of the switching circuit at page 8, lines 14-17 of the specification.

In order to expedite allowance, claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 19, 20 and 21, which have been canceled. Therefore, claim 17 is now believed to be in *prima facie* allowable condition, along with the claims dependent therefrom.

The dependencies of claims 22 and 25 to 29 have been amended to be dependent from claim 17. Therefore, claims 22-29 are believed to be allowable by virtue of their being dependent from an allowable base claim.

Amendments of identical scope have been made also to claim 30, which is therefore also believed to be allowable. Likewise, claims 31-33 are believed to be allowable by virtue of their being dependent from an allowable base claim.

Claim 34 has been canceled.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are accordingly requested.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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